

FLYNN ALONE CAN KEEP JOHN- SON FROM MAKING A RECORD

If the Big Black Whips Challenger He Can Be First Heavy Weight Champion to Retire from the Ring Undefeated.

CHAMPION'S CHANCES LOOK VERY GOOD NOW

By M. J. WATHEY.

Should Jack Johnson hammer into oblivion Jim Flynn in their coming argument July 4, where would it place the negro and the heavy-weight title? This suggestion has been bothering boxing followers for some time, or since James J. Jeffries felt the sting of defeat and was profoundly humiliated at Reno.

Should "Lal Artha" administer the beating that every one seems to anticipate, it would place him far and above any obstacle, black or white, that could be placed before him. Flynn undoubtedly is the class of white heavy-weights of the world, and it is almost a sure thing that he could beat any of the negro aspirants for the title, with the exception of Sam Langford, the Boston "Tar Baby." Should Flynn be humbled, then Johnson must be ranked in a class by himself and that rank will be higher than any other pugilist ever occupied.

Johnson said before he left Chicago that he would make but one more fight, meaning the Flynn affair. He asserts that the long grind in training is not at all to his liking and intimates that he has enough money to see him through for the rest of his natural existence. And it is quite likely he is not worrying further than that. According to the titleholder, fighting is hard work and there is always a chance of one or the other being hurt seriously.

Should the champion make good his threat to quit the ring for good, all it will leave the big fellow in a worse muddle than the middle-weights are now in. There will be no head nor tail to the affair, for if Flynn be beaten, then the best white man on earth will be in the discard, with no leader and no chance to come back. One thing is certain and that is the defeat of either man will leave that boxer a dead one as far as the flistic game is concerned.

They Never Come Back

John L. Sullivan, after being pummeled and his heart broken by Jim Corbett, never even attempted to fight again. He was classed as the greatest pugilist of all time, but the trouncing received at the hands of Corbett broke him. Corbett tried several times to come back after being stopped by Fitzsimmons who also tried to regain his lost laurels after being stopped by Jeffries, but the big-baller-maker only laughed at Fitz's feeble attempts.

One real fight for the title seems to be all there is in a contender, although it works just opposite with the champion until he feels the sting of a knockout. He has no more to offer if he is trimmed this time, but it is a bet of a 100 to 1 that Johnson will make good his threat to retire should Flynn be the victor. It would be useless for the negro to do otherwise.

Critics all over the land are still laughing over the idea of Flynn being the man to take the championship from Johnson. It is asserted by all that the Pueblo fireman will be forced to take an unmerciful beating and will be worn down by brute strength. Flynn thinks just the other way. He says that this is his great opportunity and that he is on the way to make a mint of money, for he can see no chance of losing.

Flynn figures Johnson as a man through with the strenuous game and without the stamina to stand a pace that he intends to set. He says that a determined play at Johnson's stomach will take all the fight out of the big negro and will bring out the "yellow" that has been asserted is there. Flynn thinks that Johnson fears him and all that is necessary is for him to tear in, landing hits and mad buff, and the champion will be ready to beat it.

Tommy Ryan likes the chances of Flynn but Tommy is expected to boost in the direction, for there is where his meat ticket lays at the present time. But Ryan feels that Flynn is a better bet for this reason: he is willing to let his shirt that his protegee comes through in the lead. At least that is the statement he is giving out now.

Flynn in Dead Earnest

The challenger is more earnest of the two in his preparation. Johnson likes a show and will do almost anything to make an impression on those visiting his camp during working hours. Reports from Las Vegas say that two and three thousand curious spectators watch the champion in action daily and if this be so then the negro is having the time of his life and doing little work.

Reports from the Flynn camp have it that he is rounding to slowly and doing just the right kind of work to make him hard as nails by July 4. Ryan, Howard Morrow and Flynn spend most of the time each day hammering miles out of the road. Then they work carefully in the gymnasium. Lastly Morrow puts on the gloves for a few short rounds. Many baths are in the daily schedule, which are most essential if a man loses much endurance through perspiration.

Excessive work is more injurious than not enough, and Ryan evidently knows this, for he is not letting the challenger hurt himself. Another thing in the favor of Flynn is that he weighs over 200 pounds, which is at least ten pounds more than he should and therefore he has a weight that he can trim off when he needs to be. All fighters keep as much weight as they can and take that poundage off during the last couple of days which puts them on edge and makes them more vicious.

The Puebloan is not of a vicious temperament, but he does not like

Johnson and this may get him mad enough to tear into the big negro and put a stop to his reign. Then Flynn is not averse to having all the chance he needs in his pockets and there is sure enough ahead of him if he will wait a proper and gradual rise to the exercise. Johnson steps into a ring without warming up and slams his sparring partners about without either warming up or thinking of what might happen should he strain a ligament.

He likes to box. His footwork and blocking ability please him as much as those watching. He certainly is a great boxer and a speed marvel on his feet for one so large. While in Chicago he took on a couple of featherweights and outboxed as well as outpunched them, but every time he did this he came from his dressing-room immediately to the ring.

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Scores Yesterday

AMERICAN LEAGUE

At Detroit—	R	H	E
Detroit	1	5	1
Philadelphia	6	11	0
Lake and Stange; Onslow, Coombs and Lapp.			

At Cleveland—	R	H	E
Cleveland	5	12	1
Washington	6	13	0
Mitchell, Steen, Kahler and O'Neill; Eastley, Cashion, Groome, Williams and Henry.			

At Chicago—	R	H	E
Chicago	3	8	2
Boston	4	10	1
Walsh, Benz and Block; O'Brien, Carrigan and Cady.			

At St. Louis—	R	H	E
St. Louis	2	10	1
New York	1	7	3
Hamilton and Stephens; Ford and Seecy.			

At New York—	R	H	E
New York	4	8	5
Pittsburg	5	5	1
Crandall and Meyers; Hendricks and Kelly.			

At Boston—	R	H	E
Boston	3	9	1
Cincinnati	6	8	3
Brown and Gowdy; Benson and Clarke.			

At Brooklyn—	R	H	E
Brooklyn	5	9	2
St. Louis	4	11	1
Barney, Stack and Miller; Phelps, Sallee, Willis and Wingo.			

At Vernon—	R	H	E
Vernon	0	4	2
San Francisco	2	6	3
Carson and Brown; Fitzgerald and Cheek.			

At Portland—	R	H	E
Portland	2	8	1
Oakland	3	5	2
Koestner and Howley; Durlin and Mitze.			

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HOW THEY STAND

WARREN DISTRICT LEAGUE

Warren	Won	Lost	Pctg
Babe	4	1	.800
Bobbe	3	3	.500
Levell	2	5	.286

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston	33	18	.647
Chicago	33	21	.611
Washington	33	21	.611
Philadelphia	27	21	.562
Detroit	26	29	.473
Cleveland	23	28	.451
New York	17	31	.354
St. Louis	15	37	.288

NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York	37	19	.687
Pittsburg	27	29	.545
Cincinnati	29	23	.558
Chicago	26	21	.553
Philadelphia	20	24	.455
St. Louis	23	31	.429
Brooklyn	16	29	.348
Boston	16	35	.313

COAST LEAGUE

Vernon	41	27	.603
Oakland	41	29	.586
Los Angeles	37	21	.643
Sacramento	29	27	.517
Portland	25	26	.490
San Francisco	28	31	.476

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Columbus	41	22	.6
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